

CHAPTER 6

AWARD, WEARING AND WITHDRAWAL OF FLYING BADGES**Authorised Flying Badges**

1. The following flying badges are authorised for wear with RAAF uniform by qualified members as illustrated at Annex A:

- a. Pilot badge,
- b. Navigator badge (letter 'N'), Pre 1 Dec 98,
- c. Officer Aircrew, non Pilot,
- d. Airborne Electronics Officer badge (letters 'AE'), Pre 1 Dec 98,
- e. Airborne Electronic Analyst badge (letters 'AE')
- f. Engineer (air) badge (letter 'E'),
- g. Fighter Controller badge (letters 'FC'), Pre 1 Dec 98,
- h. Loadmaster badge (letter 'L'),
- i. Flight steward badge (letters 'FS'),
- j. Crewman badge (letter 'C'),
- k. Crewman Technical badge (letters 'CT'),
- l. Flight Technician badge (letters 'FT'),
- m. Signaller badge (letter 'S'),
- n. Gunner badge (letter 'G'), and
- o. Crew attendant (letters 'CA')

2. A member is not entitled to wear any flying badge until authority to do so has been granted in accordance with this Chapter. A member qualified in more than one aircrew category is to wear only one badge; either the badge of the current aircrew category or, if no longer serving in an aircrew category/mustering, the badge of the last aircrew category.

3. Entitled members are to wear flying badges on the RAAF uniform as prescribed in Annex A to this Chapter.

Award of Flying Badges

4. An officer, airman or airwoman who has successfully completed the prescribed RAAF training course and the prescribed experience to be a Pilot, Navigator, Airborne Electronics Analyst, Engineer (air), Fighter Controller, Loadmaster, Crewman Technical or Flight Technician, Crew Attendant or Flight Steward, may be awarded and wear the applicable flying badge. The CO of the unit conducting the relevant training is to authorise and record the award of such badges.

Retention and Wearing of Flying Badges

5. *Pilot and Navigator.* A member who is awarded a flying badge as a Pilot or Navigator is permitted to retain

and wear the badge during the remainder of his/her RAAF service.

6. *Other Aircrew Categories.* A member who is awarded a flying badge as an Airborne Electronics Analyst, Engineer (air), Fighter Controller, Loadmaster, Crew Attendant, Flight Steward or Crewman Technical, is permitted to wear the badge whilst employed in flying duties. The badge may be worn and retained during the remainder of RAAF service if after the award of the badge:

- a.** a minimum 12 months satisfactory flying tour is completed, or
- b.** a minimum 12 months flying tour is not completed because of Service exigencies, injury or illness, and DCOORD-AF has approved the continued wearing of the badge.

7. Requests for special approval to wear flying badges under the provision of sub-paragraph 6b are to be processed through normal Service channels to Air Force Headquarters (DCOORD-AF). Although each submission will be considered on its merits, members normally would be expected to have completed a significant proportion of the required post-graduate flying before special approval is granted, unless exceptional or compelling circumstances can be shown to exist.

Flying Badges Awarded by Another Military Service

8. A member who has been awarded a flying badge by the RAN, Army, or another military Service before appointment or enlistment in the RAAF, may be granted permission to wear the equivalent RAAF badge on the RAAF uniform. However, if no equivalent RAAF badge exists, then the original badge may not be worn. Members are not to wear any flying badge without the prior approval of Air Force Headquarters. Members who consider that they have an entitlement in this regard are to apply through normal channels to Air Force Headquarters (DCOORD-AF) giving details and providing appropriate documentary evidence of their prior qualification (eg certified true copies of graduation certificates, extracts from log books etc).

Flying Badges from Discontinued Courses

9. A member who has previously been awarded a flying badge on the successful completion of a discontinued training course, is permitted to retain and wear the badge awarded for such a course, provided it is listed in paragraph 1 of this Chapter. Retired members, on the occasions on which they wear uniform, may wear brevets for which they have qualified, but which may not be listed in this Chapter.

Withdrawal of Flying Badges

10. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraphs, CAF may, after considering the facts of a particular case, withdraw the authority to wear a flying badge from any member.

Restriction on Wearing RAAF Flying Badges on Other Than RAAF Uniform

11. RAAF flying badges are awarded primarily in recognition of a special skill acquired during RAAF service and as such should be worn only on the uniform of the RAAF. Such badges, therefore, may not normally be worn on other Services' uniforms nor may they be worn by other uniformed organisations, such as police forces, fire services etc.

12. This restriction does not prevent another Service or organisation from allowing a former RAAF member to wear their equivalent badge (if one exists), similar to the provisions of paragraph 10. However, such authorisation is the sole prerogative of the particular Service or organisation concerned.

Annexes:

- A.** Brevets
- B.** Manner of Wearing Flying Badges

BREVETS

NOTE

The “Signaller”, and ‘Crewman’ have not been included due to the un-availability of the item for imaging.



ENGINEER



LOADMASTER



FLIGHT STEWARD



CREW ATTENDANT



AIR GUNNER



AIRBORNE ELECTRONIC ANALYST



FLIGHT TECHNICIAN



FIGHTER CONTROLLER



OFFICER AIRCREW – NON PILOT



Superseded version, which may be worn by Navigators, qualified prior to 1 Dec 98.

NAVIGATOR (OLD)



PILOT

MANNER OF WEARING FLYING BADGES

Description	Position Remarks
1. Flying Badge, Gold Bullion	The gold bullion badge is worn on the Air Force blue SD tunic, the CD (Attache) white patrol jacket and the Crew Attendants vest. Personnel are to wear the badge immediately above the left pocket with the centre of the pilot's badge or the centre of the letter group of other flying badges, directly above the button. When medal ribbons are worn, the flying badge is to be positioned centrally above the top row of ribbons with a 3mm space between the bottom centre of the badge and the ribbons. If the badge is partly obscured by the lapel of the collar of the tunic, it is to be moved towards the left sleeve seam to display as much of the badge as available space allows.
2. Flying Badge, Sterling Silver	The sterling silver badge is worn on the blue-white shirt and dress, and on the Mess Supervisor/Steward white short-sleeved shirt, positioned as for the gold bullion badge. The sterling silver badge is also worn with MD (Tropical).
3. Flying Badge, Cloth Embroidered	The cloth embroidered badge is worn on the utility jacket and the safari suit, positioned as for the gold bullion badge on the SD tunic (refer Serial 1).
4. Flying Badge, Miniature, Gold Bullion	The miniature gold bullion badge is worn on the left lapel of the Mess Dress jackets, positioned centrally 3 mm above any insignia of orders, decorations or medals. The miniature badge is also worn on the left shawl collar (lapel) of the Mess Supervisor/Steward white jacket positioned centrally between the inner and outer edges of the shawl collar 14 cm below the shoulder line (ie below the point where the shoulder seam meets the collar).

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